

DEFT and NoName Group Reports

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Summary

In February of this year an interagency/stakeholder Diversion Effects on Fish Team (DEFT) was formed to address the technical issues related to diversion impacts on fisheries for the CALFED alternatives. Staff will provide an update on the tasks assigned to DEFT and issues and conclusions developed in the process.

The NoName Group (NoName) was originally established as part of the CALFED Ops Group process. In June of this year NoName was asked by CALFED to recommend water supply and water quality measures that are capable of being implemented within Stage 1 of the program. A representative from this stakeholder group will present a summary of their draft report and recommendations.

Even though several members of DEFT and NoName serve on both groups, CALFED management and both groups felt that coordination between the groups is critical. Hence, the DEFT NoName Coordination Team (DNCT) was formed. Its first task was to investigate the potential of flexible operations to enhance fish protection and improve water supply. Staff and stakeholders will present a general concept the DNCT is exploring.

Action

Concurrence Item. Policy Group is being asked for concurrence:

1. Concurrence on the direction and concepts being pursued by DEFT, NoName and DNCT, such as:
 - Share in the new yield between water supply and the environment
 - Environmental water account
 - Operational flexibility based on real-time triggers

CALFED Agencies

California
The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal
Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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2. Concurrence on the bookends of operational scenarios to be used for impact analysis of the preferred alternative in the programmatic EIS/EIR. This item was discussed at the Management Team's September meeting and they concurred in the following bookends:
 - Accord + CVPIA + NoName + Full Surface and Groundwater Storage
 - Accord + CVPIA + NoName + Full DEFT Actions

Detailed Discussion

See attachment.

Attachment